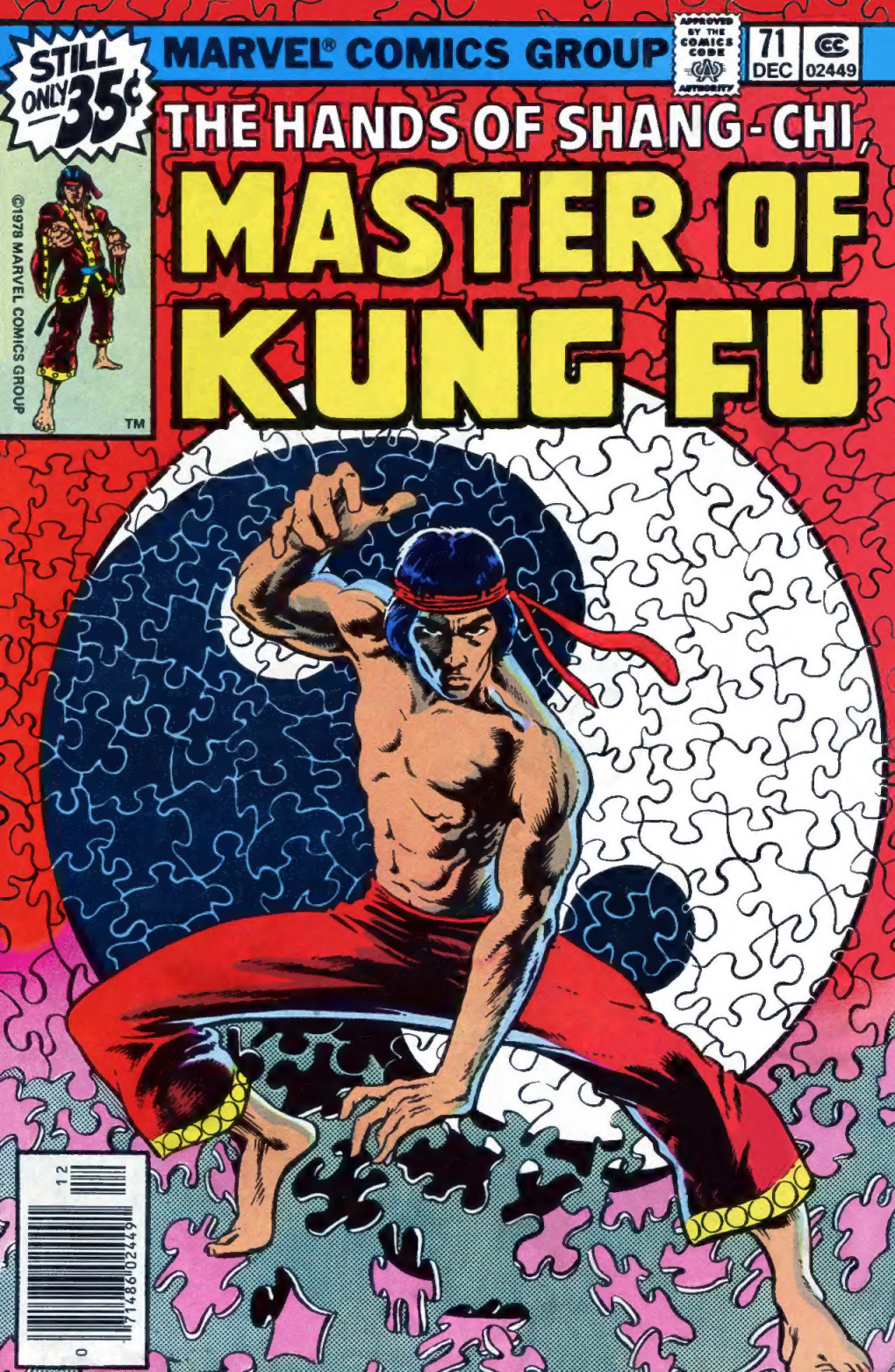




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THE PAST ARE STILL
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FOR CRATES,
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TO DOOM."

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SONGS ONCE
TOUCHED ME..."

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WAS WON..."

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"...JULIETTE."

"...LONG
AFTER
I HAD
TURNED
MY BACK ON
SMITH'S
ORGANIZATION."

"...ALL
OF WHOM
ALSO FOUGHT THE
CRATES, INVOLVING ME
AGAIN IN THE SCHEMES
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FEELINGS CONFUSED, TORN
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REASON TO FIGHT, SON
OF FU MANCHU!

THE BLONDE WOMAN
CARED NOTHING FOR
YOU! YOU WERE A
SPECK OF DIRT--
TRAPPED IN HER
EYE!

"MY
HEART
WORSHIPPED
JULIETTE, AND
I MIGHT HAVE
KILLED HIM...

STOP!

"... BUT MY HEART HAD BEEN
WRONG, MY FEELINGS DISTORTED
BY THE SIGHT OF HER BLOOD.

YES... MAYBE
I'M JUST WEAK,
BUT... I CAN'T
HELP IT...

PLEASE STOP,
SHANG-CHI...
AND I'LL TAKE
HIM AWAY
FROM HERE...

"... IN A FIGHT
WITH SKULLCRUSHER
AND A NEW FACE
FOR JULIETTE.

I... I'M
SORRY.

HIM--?!
YOU LEFT...
FOR HIM?!

"AND SO IT ENDED AS
IT BEGAN...

"IT WAS A
BAD ENDING.



"THEN,
MORE
PIECES
OF THE
PAST."

"I SEE THEM
AGAIN,
HAPPENING
NOW..."

"I RETURN FROM THE
TEMPLE, TO THE
DOCKS WHERE SILENT
QUESTIONS TREMBLE
BETWEEN LEIKO
AND ME."

"SHE COMES TO ME."

"...WHISPERS
THROUGH HER
TEARS..."

"...AND
WALKS
AWAY."

"SHE CRIES..."



"I WATCH,
AND I AM
MOVED,
UNABLE TO
SPEAK..."

"SHE WHISPERED...
WORDS FROM A
SONG THAT ONCE
FILLED THE AIR
WHEN WE LOVED..."

"WORDS
WHICH HAVE
NOW FOUND
TRUTH: TAKE
A LISTEN
TO YOUR
SPIRIT... IT'S
CRYING OUT
LOUD!..."

L-LEIKO...

YES...?



"YES."



"WE RETURNED TO LONDON..."

"...TO A TIME OF RECOVERY AND LINGERING UNCERTAINTY."

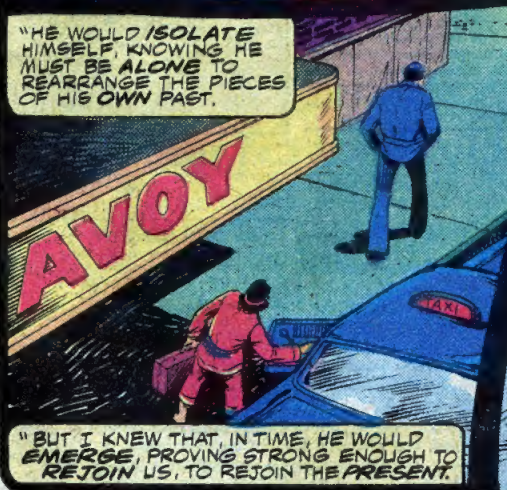
"HAD LEIKO AND I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE, OR HAD WE MERELY EMBRACED THE ONLY SHELTER FROM OUR STORMS? IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO KNOW."



"SOME OF THAT TIME WAS GRANTED BY THE CHANCE TO AID TARR IN A PRIVATE MATTER..."

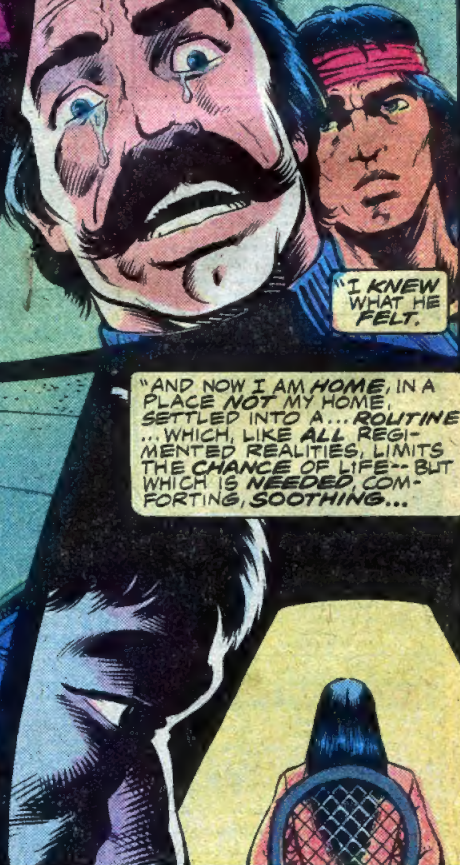
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"...WHERE HIS PAST SUDDENLY SHATTERED, TAKING WITH IT MUCH OF THE FUTURE IN MEMORIES OF THE NEW FACE HE FOUND ON HIS LONG-AGO LOVE."



"HE WOULD ISOLATE HIMSELF, KNOWING HE MUST BE ALONE TO REARRANGE THE PIECES OF HIS OWN PAST."

"BUT I KNEW THAT, IN TIME, HE WOULD EMERGE, PROVING STRONG ENOUGH TO REJOIN US, TO REJOIN THE PRESENT."



"I KNEW WHAT HE FELT."

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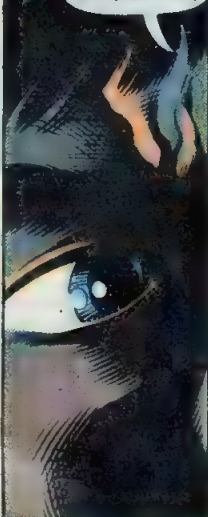
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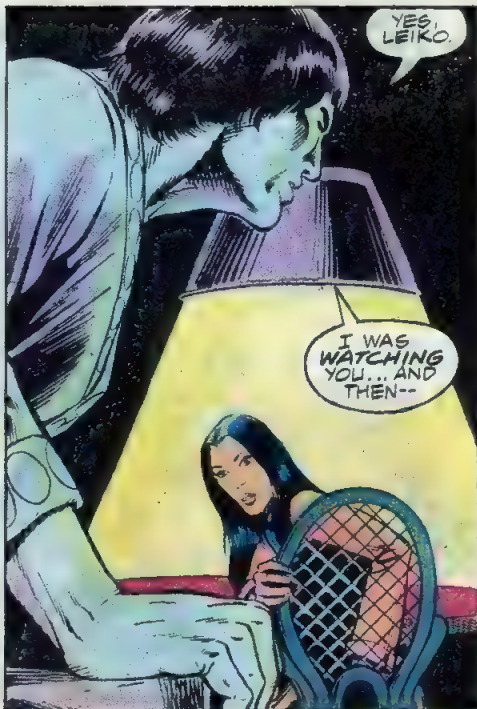


"YES... FOR NOW, IT IS BEST TO LIVE THIS ORDERED ROUTINE LETTING THE PIECES SLOWLY GROW CLOSER UNTIL FINALLY THEY WILL INTERLOCK AND--"

"THINKING, SHANG-CHI?"



YES, LEIKO.



I WAS WATCHING YOU... AND THEN--

AND THEN YOU STARTED PICKING UP YOUR OWN PIECES--



--AND PUTTING THEM IN PLACE.

ANY LUCK?

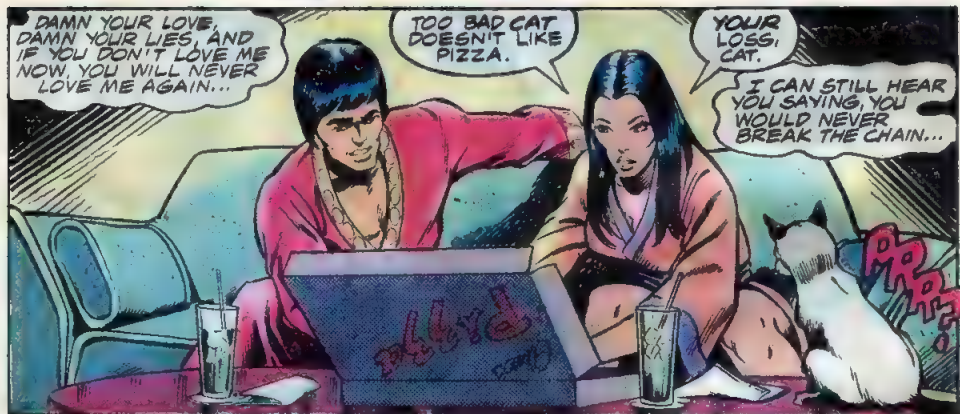
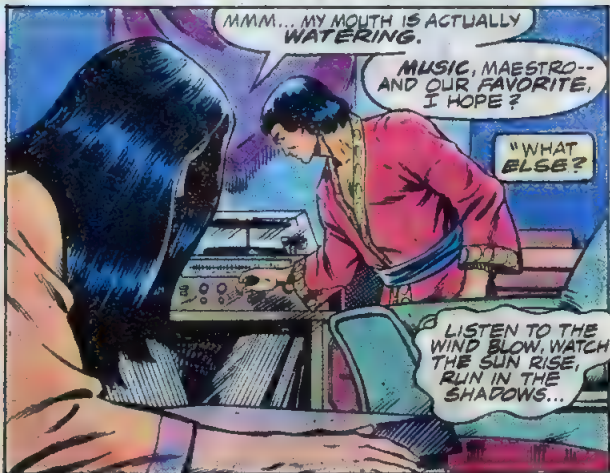


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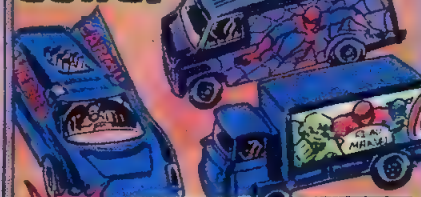
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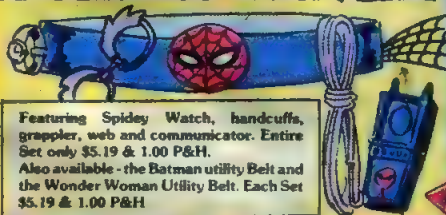
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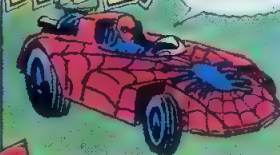
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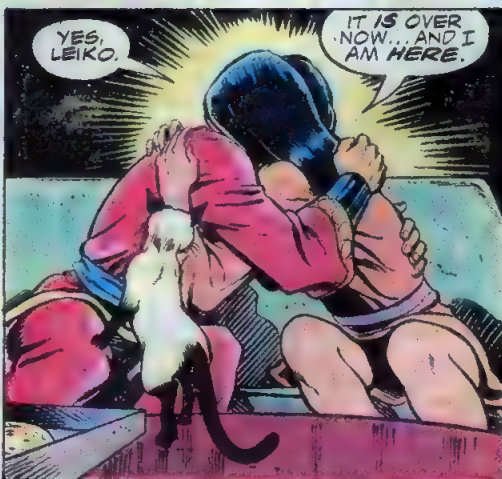
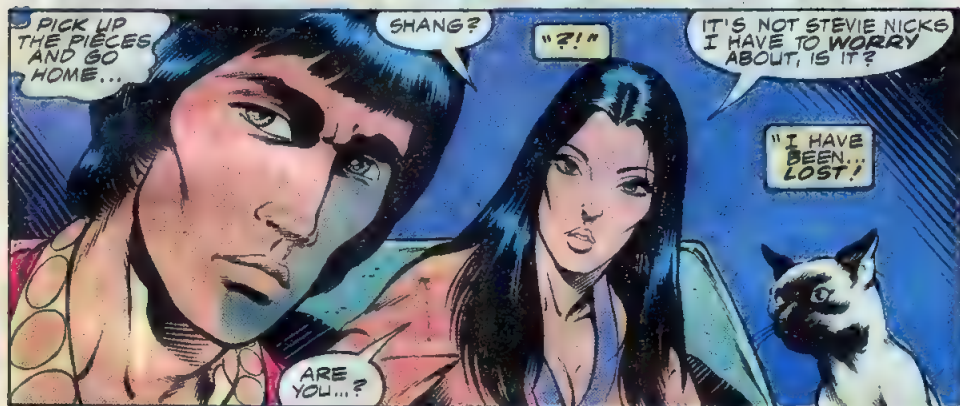
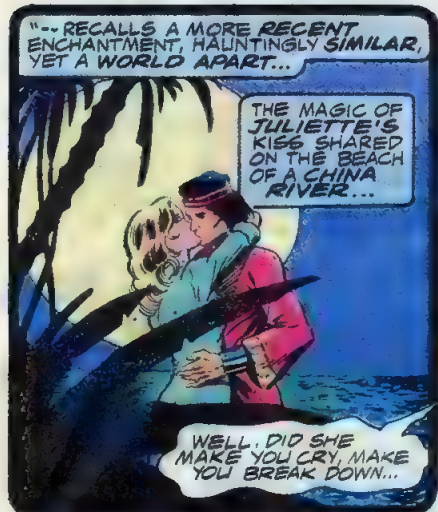
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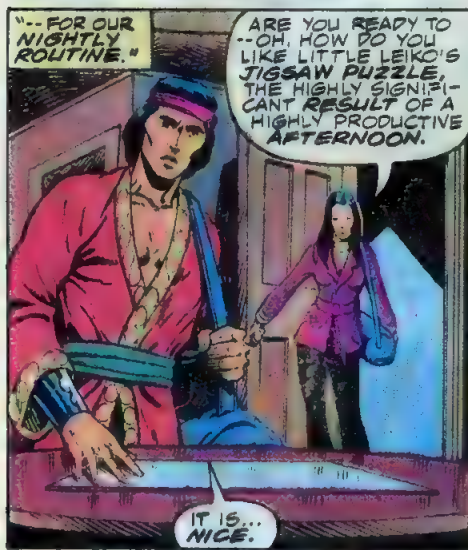
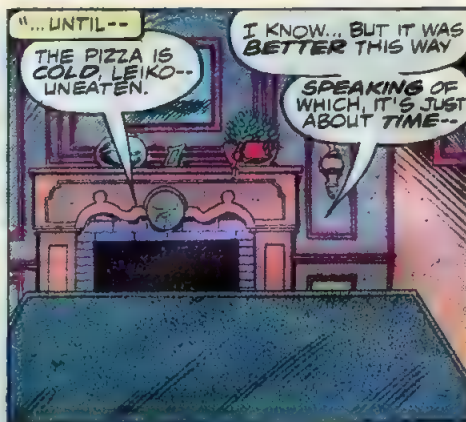
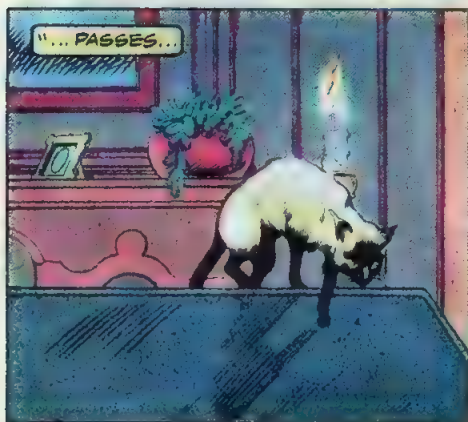
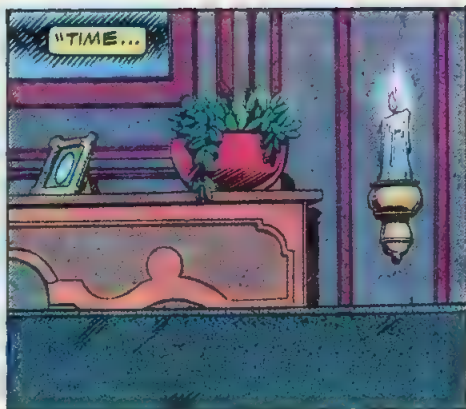
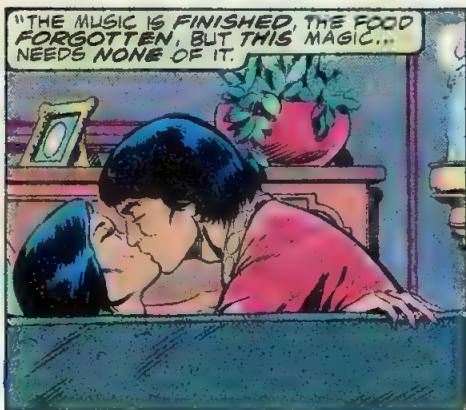
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A TRIPLE TRIBUTE TO TRUMPETRY

First, due to Strange Distribution in various regions of the Great American Hinterlands, we are still—believe it or not—receiving entries to our Contest to Confound the Compleat Comics Connoisseur. This has unfortunately thrown a diabolical monkey wrench into the heart of our promise to announce the winner this issue. But take heart in the reassurance that we have not forgotten the contest. As soon as we can line up three days of spare time, we'll integrate all the new entries with the old, sift through the entire enormous stack yet *another* time, select and announce the winner(s), and award the prizes, hallelujah! (At this point, a tie seems likely and additional prizes are being contemplated.) So stay tuned, People—the end of this analytical affair is now within sight!

Secondly, due to an oversight on the armadillos' part, the listing on a recent Bulpen Bulletins page of Marvel-folk Eagle Award winners neglected two conscientious craftsmen very near and dear to our hearts—namely, Devil-May-Care Doug Moench and Peerless Paul Gulacy. So, just to set the record straight and get the blushes out of the way, we herewith announce that MASTER OF KUNG FU copped the award for Best Continued Story of 1976: The Fu Manchu Saga chronicled in issues #44-51. Thanks to Britons one and all who participated in the voting.

And third, due to dreadfully domineering deadlines, dastardly delinquency and near-default, as well as a plethora of good-in-their-own-right-but-continuity-busting fill-in issues, MOKF is both sad and pleased to announce a new permanent artist. Pleased because the new artist, as you've no doubt noticed, is none other than Mike Zeok, that fanciful Floridian recently transplanted to cold Connecticut. Mike has already proven himself well worthy of the MOKF task, doing a phenomenal job of picking up pieces under conditions of extreme duress. Shameless and undaunted, we predict that MOKF—with Mister Zeok at the artistic wheel—is hereby firmly on the track of consistency and sustained continuity and, furthermore, will rise to even greater heights of monthly glory.

And sad because it means saying farewell (but not, we hasten to add, goodbye) to Jim Craig. Quite simply, Jim could not maintain a monthly schedule of the high quality he demanded from himself. He will, however, continue to work for Marvel and is even now getting set to begin a special three-part MOKF epic—as well as a two-part MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE opus—on which he can work to his heart's content, tranquil and unhurried, to ensure the highest possible quality and the greatest degree of hassle-free care. Believe us, it'll be worth waiting for!

And now, while there's still some room left, let's try to slip in a letter or two...

Dear Marvel,

Recently, in the local comic book store I overheard a couple of fans expressing surprise that MOKF was still plugging along after Paul Gulacy's departure. I was surprised at their surprise. Since Paul left, we've had one reprint (well, it happens to the best), three fill-ins (all of which I greatly enjoyed), and the War-Yore tale, as well as the beginning of the "China Seas" saga. Now, while the War-Yore storyline was not one of Shang-Chi's greatest adventures, it was certainly good enough to keep me interested—even following in the wake of the Fu Manchu epic.

And the War-Yore tale was all done by Jim Craig. He's not Gulacy (and he's probably just as glad, no offense to either artist), but he is pretty good, and getting better every issue.

His faces may not be quite as expressive, and Tartag's inks may lie a little heavy on some panels, and *all* the backgrounds may not be picture-frame beautiful, but MOKF is still a very special treat to read.

Besides, Doug Moench's scripting was in topnotch form in #62; Shang-Chi is back in China; and Cat is an excellent villain, all the more so for having been an antihero in his last appearance.

Gentlemen, I really don't think you've got a thing to worry about.

Mark Willard
McCall, Idaho

Whew.

Dear Doug and Jim,

"My God!" he exclaimed while perusing MASTER OF KUNG FU #63.

There are writers and there are writers. Then there's Doug Moench! I stand astounded at the awesome ability lurking in the confines of this man's mind!

Concerning Ed Via's letter in MOKF #63: I find myself agreeing with every word he says. Doug is such a profoundly intricate writer that I find myself in awe of every subtly powerful issue he produces.

But I'll close quickly now since Ed, Henry Kujawa, and Bill Wu aptly expressed my every thought. Two questions: What in the world does Doug Moench look like? And how about a special MASTER OF KUNG FU FOOM issue? The comic has certainly been around long enough to warrant it!

Bob Theissen
Park Hills, Kentucky

Answering your two questions is a bit difficult. Last we checked, every mirror in the Moench manse had long since been shattered. . . but for at least a muddy inking of the Moench mug, you might check February 23 on the Marvel calendar.

And we think a special MOKF FOOM issue is a great ideal (Hmmm... maybe if we sent Fu Manchu to have a nice quiet talk with Dave "The Dude" Kraft—!

That's it for now, People—the good!

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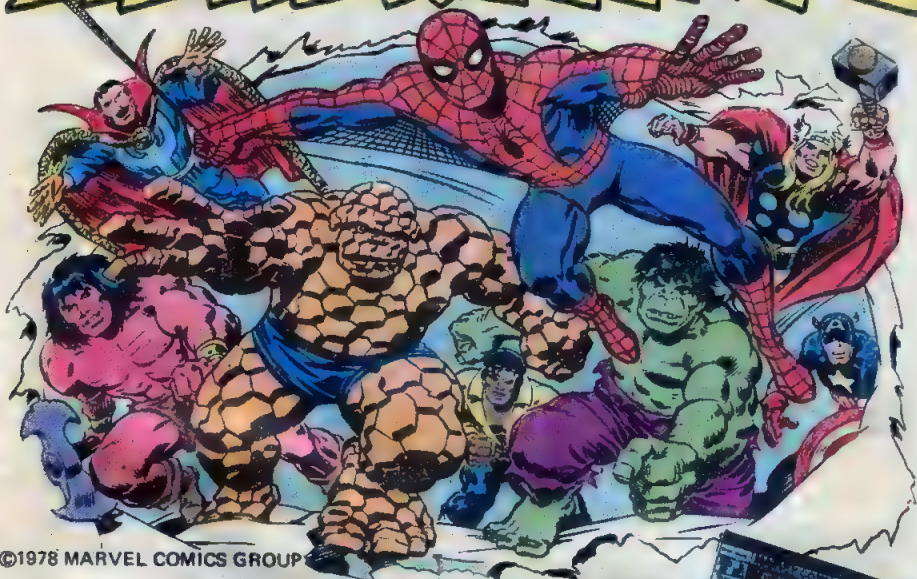
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SYMBOL CAN NEVER
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WORKOUT DOWN TO
TWO HOURS--

--WE CAN CATCH THE
MOVIE YOU WANTED
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SCHOOL WHERE
LEIKO HAS ALWAYS
EXERCISED, AND
WHERE I HAVE
ONLY RECENTLY
BEGUN..."

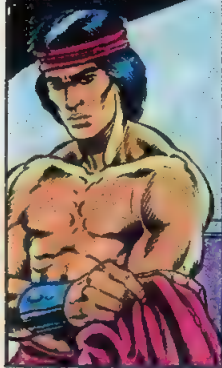
"THIS, AT LEAST, IS ONE
ROUTINE I HAVE NEVER
RESENTED. IT IS THE
ONLY WAY TO FIND TRUE
STRENGTH, TRUE
RELAXATION. IT IS
VITAL."

"I WONDER WHY THERE ARE NOT MORE
HERE
NOT LONG PAST, WHEN THE POPULARITY OF
THE MARTIAL ARTS SEEMED TO EXPAND
WITHOUT LIMIT, THERE WERE MANY HERE,
AND ELSEWHERE."

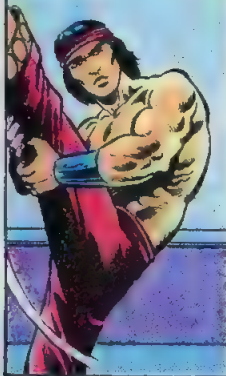
"LEIKO CALLED IT 'A
PASSING FAD.'"

"I FEAR
SHE WAS
RIGHT."

"BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW A ROUTINE NECESSARY FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF BOTH BODY AND MIND CAN EVER BE A... 'FAD'."



"WE STRETCH EACH OF OUR MUSCLES IN TURN, RELEASING THE STIFFNESS OF THEIR INACTIVITY."



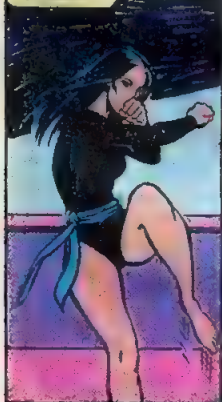
"SOMETIMES THE MUSCLES CRY OUT."



"IT IS BEST NOT TO LISTEN UNTIL THE CRIES FADE..."



"...TO BE REPLACED BY AN INNER HUM OF GRATITUDE AND SATISFACTION..."



"...AT WHICH TIME ONE REALIZES THE MUSCLES NEVER SPOKE AT ALL."



"IT WAS ALL IN THE MIND."



"I'M READY..."



"WE SPAR... AND, AS WITH MUSIC, WHICH FINDS STRENGTH IN THE SILENCE BETWEEN SOUNDS, FEEDING ON THE TINGLING AIR HOLDING THAT SILENCE--"



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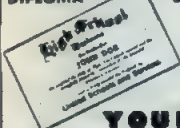
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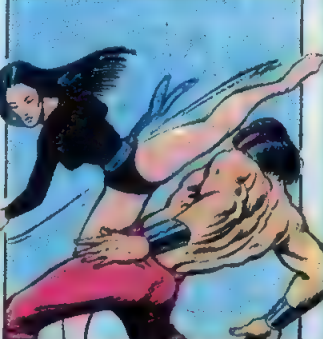
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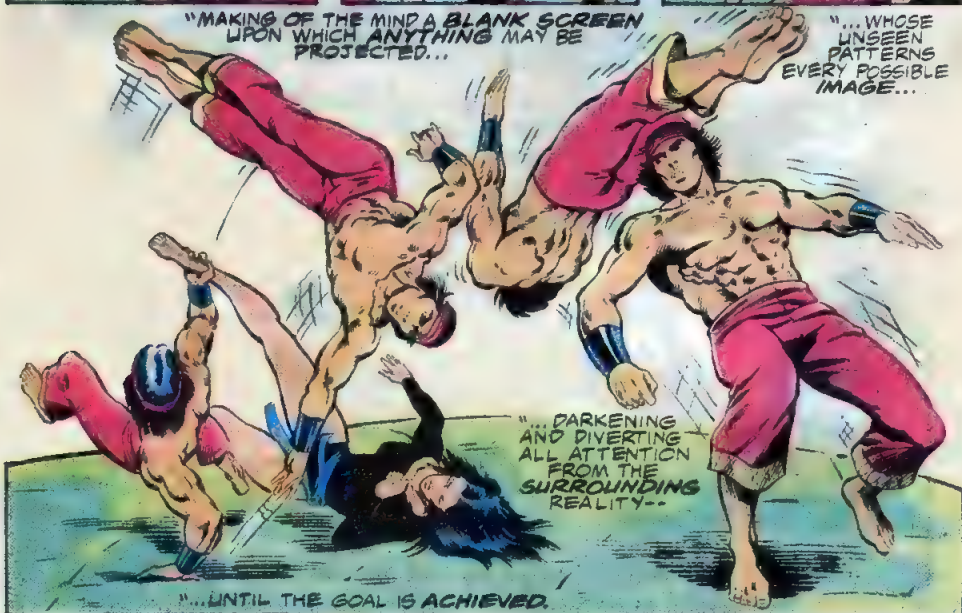


"I MUST IGNORE IT, BUT WITHOUT BEING CONSCIOUS OF DOING SO, DEVOTING ALL THOUGHTS TO THE REAL REALITY, THE INNER REALITY..."



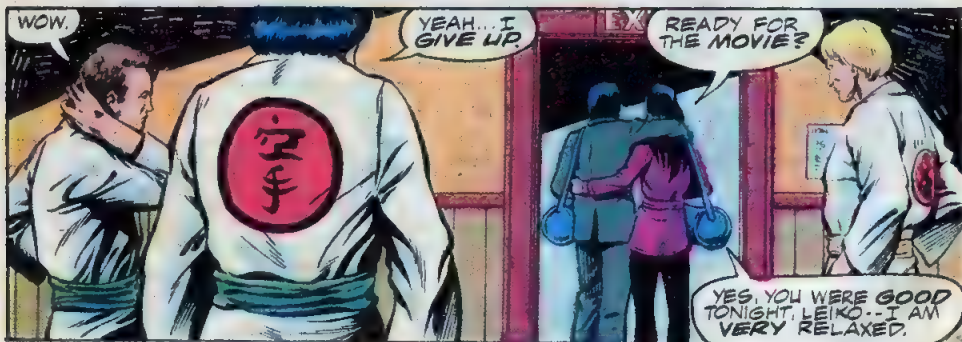
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"...WHOSE UNSEEN PATTERNS EVERY POSSIBLE IMAGE..."

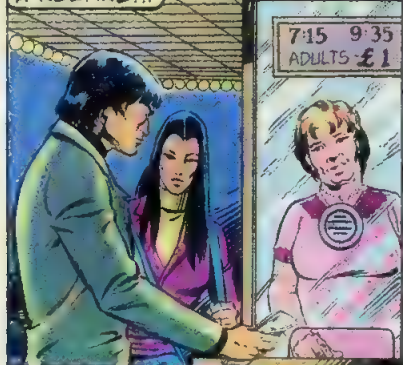


"...DARKENING AND DIVERTING ALL ATTENTION FROM THE SURROUNDING REALITY--"

"...UNTIL THE GOAL IS ACHIEVED."



"FILMS HAVE TAUGHT ME MUCH ABOUT THE ATTITUDES OF THE WEST, AND HAVE ALSO BECOME A ROUTINE..."



"...OFTEN AN ENJOYABLE ONE--AND, TONIGHT, AN EXHILARATING ONE."



"INDEED, THIS FILM IS AWESOME."

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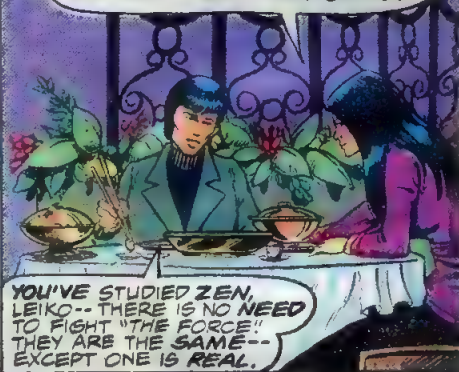


SO WHAT DID YOU THINK?

I HAVE NEVER ENJOYED A FILM MORE.

"WE EAT, FINALLY WHERE WE HAVE OFTEN EATEN, BUT THE FOOD IS GOOD, AND SPICED WITH TALK OF THE FILM..."

--EVEN MORE THAN 'STAR WARS'? OH, COME ON, SHANG-- YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE FORCE.



YOU'VE STUDIED ZEN, LEIKO-- THERE IS NO NEED TO FIGHT "THE FORCE." THEY ARE THE SAME-- EXCEPT ONE IS REAL.

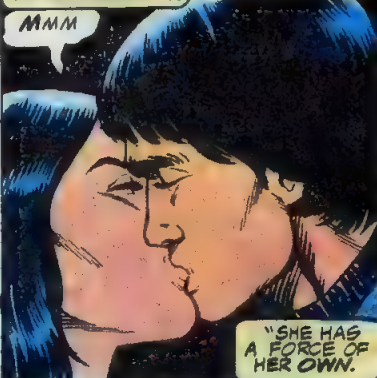
"AND WE TAKE THE SAME RIDE THROUGH THE SAME PARK ON OUR WAY HOME... BUT IT IS A GOOD RIDE..."



ALL RIGHT, YOU WIN, SHANG-- YOUR FORCE IS BETTER.

BESIDES, I CAN'T RESIST IT...

"AND WE FEEL THE SAME FEELINGS... BUT THEY ARE GOOD FEELINGS, AND GROWING STRONGER..."



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"SHE HAS A FORCE OF HER OWN."

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hey, remember me telling you I was going to Tokyo in May to help launch some new Marvel projects? Well, now that I'm back, I thought you'd like to know that all of Japan seems to be mad about Marvel! They're doing their own version of Spider-Man, live-action, as a weekly TV series; publishing more stories of our shy little superheroes than I could count; and I wish you could see all the clever toys and games they've based on our Marvel myths. One of these days we'll do an article showing some of our more picturesque Japanese, items, as soon as we can figure out which mag to print it in.

Item! You'll soon be seeing a great new feature in the Sunday Comic pages of newspapers from coast to coast called "Marvelous Fun and Games" by Owen McCarroll (the talented whiz who brought you the first few Simon & Schuster Marvel Fun Books.) The full color feature presents your superhero favorites in a merry melange of puzzles and games. Who says we're not spreading culture all over the land?

And now, it's time to reply to the first of the many, many questions you've sent me in answer to an earlier Soapbox request. This query was one of the most frequently asked, so I'll tackle it first. "Will comicbooks get better and better, or will the field just stagnate with the same recycled ideas?" Naturally, I'm no more of a prophet than you, but here's the way I see it. We'll continue to use the same "recycled" ideas, if that's

what you mean by new adventures of our world famous superheroes being published month after month, year after year. We'll keep producing them as long as you want them, and judging by the way you've been gobblin' them up, your interest hasn't slackened. But, besides bringing our usual literary fare, we spend virtually all of our free time trying to dream up new characters, new formats, new concepts, to keep the world of comics vital and alive and ever growing. Just look at some of our recent innovations: the Marvel line of rock star mags, such as KISS, the BEATLES, the upcoming SHAUN CASSIDY, SGT. PEPPER, ROLLING STONES, and other titles. The new Marvel super specials, \$1.50 magazines with artwork in full color on glossy paper, such as our CONAN SUPER SPECIAL, with many other titles to follow. Then too, there are the new Marvel movie and book adaptations, plus PIZZAZZ, the steadily growing CRAZY, and the countless new Marvel projects in the works from Simon & Schuster and Pocket Books. And, as soon as we can catch our breaths, we'll be coordinating our projects with our own magazines in a new different series of publications. 'Nuff said?

Next ish—the answer to another of your most oft-repeated questions: "Is Irving Forbush a real person?" Till then, I'll use you bear the suspense, why not take a duck to lunch?

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! They came from the wooded glens of Connecticut, and from the exotic shores of New Jersey, from the far off glades of Penn's Woods and from nearby Midtown. From Flushing by the 7 train they travelled, and from Inwood by the A. One plucky lady, 'tis said, braved the awesome dangers of the dreaded LIRR to traverse the staggering distance from her home in the fabled City of Gardens to the Hallowed Halls of Marvel. One by one they came, until at last, to a man they stood united; and the gathered throng thus convened this year's second Mighty Marvel Writers Meeting. Editor-in-Chief JIM (Trouble) SHOOTER presided, Consulting Editor MARVELOUS MARY WOLFMAN generously gave of his valuable time to lend an assist, and the Editorial Staff took notes as discussion ranged from the Art of Storytelling to the Science of Balloon Placement. Long into the afternoon they spoke, and when at length they adjourned, if no Great Issues were resolved, it was clear that every single body in that room cares about his work, and cares deeply. It

seems to us that there's no ingredient more necessary to Quality than Caring — and we're pretty darn proud to be the kind of people and the kind of company that cares!

ITEM! Speaking of GODZILLA—just when we thought we'd seen it all, Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH and Happy HERB TRIMPE came through with a little idea that flipped our embroidered babushkas! It's incredible! It's unbelievable! It's a beautifully ironic twist of fate that is guaranteed to leave Marvel continuity buffs everywhere astonished and delighted! It's real!—and it's happening in the pages of GODZILLA #17, on sale right now! So get out there, Lizard-philis, and nab your copy before it gets away. Be warned, however—there's a Godzilla you've never seen before lurking inside!

ITEM! The shredding sound you hear, should you happen to be in the Apple near 575 Mad Avenue, is probably Marvel Editor Broadway BOB HALL feeding another page of the rulebook to the Armadillos. As if it weren't enough permitting, nay, wholeheartedly

approving the madness currently raging 'twixt the covers of GODZILLA, Bob has thrown caution, convention, and sanity to the winds with the Dynamic DEFENDERS. As well. Once again, he has combined the not inconsiderable talents of DAVE (The Dude) KRAFT and Energetic ED HANNIGAN and more or less turned them loose on a three part mini-epic ranging from the pits of Earthly Urban Blight to (are you ready for this?) the gleaming spires of Eternal ASGARD! Dave and Bob have been closely coordinating with Consulting Editor and resident Mythology Expert, Rascally ROY THOMAS concerning the Defenders' doings in the Golden Realm, to make certain everything meshes perfectly with Roy's current storyline in the pages of THOR. As for what's actually going on, Dave, Ed, Bob and abba, Assistant Editor MARY JO DUFFY asked us not to say! We'll tell ya however, they have spent quite a bit of time lately chortling over their plans, so you can be sure what's coming up, beginning in DEFENDERS #66, (on sale now) is not what you'd expect. Get your copy and let us know what you think—should we fire the lot of 'em—or give 'em a raise?

ITEM! And now for something completely different! You say your car won't start, your bowling average is down and your ring-around-the-collar is loud enough to wake the neighbors? Well, you lose. Sadly, we must admit that our new MIGHTY WORLD OF MARVEL PIN-UP BOOK will do absolutely nothing to right most of the cruel injustices of Fate. What it will do is dazzle you with its 21 huge 11"x15" full color illustrations of Marvel's Magnificent Heroes and Heroines in action! It's all here — all the glory, grandeur, power, and drama that marks the Marvel Age of Comics, caught in the carefully created and skillfully selected poster shots that tell it best. The accompanying narrative will excite and enlighten you. No collector should be without his own copy. You'll see it at better book stores everywhere—if you look soon!

ITEM! For those of you who are independent, wealthy, and, therefore, send your chauffeur down to the magazine store to pick up the latest batch of Marvel's monthly offerings, and then don't bother to count the change from the C-Note you gave him, we feel obligated to mention that Marvel Comics are still only 35¢ a throw. That, of course, is an academic point to the landed gentry, but to the rest of you—and us—it means a lot. We've been getting the message from your many cards and letters for umpteen months back, that today's up-and-away prices are squeezing you hard—and you just don't have the bucks to pay 50¢ or a Dollar for Comics—even for comics as good as ours. Okay, guys, we're listening. We heard ya! And we're holding the line!

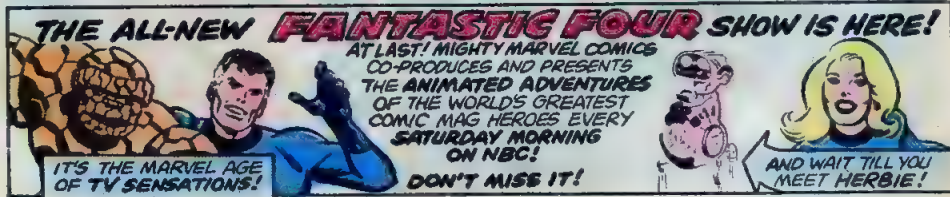
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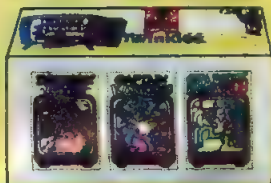


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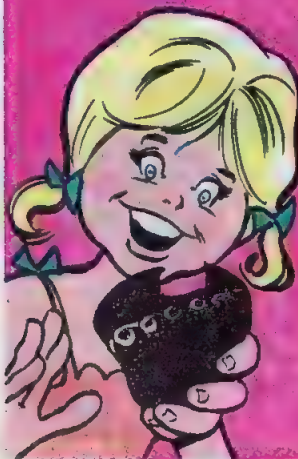


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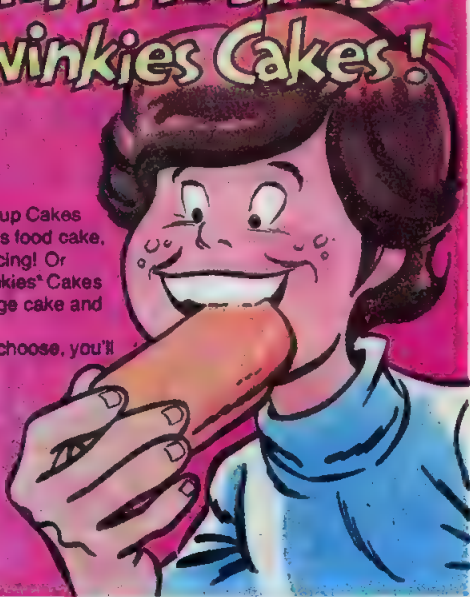


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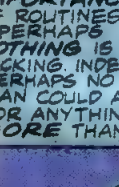


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RITUAL. BAGS ARE
DROPPED...LIGHTS
GO ON... LEIKO
MOVES STRAIGHT TO
THE KITCHEN...

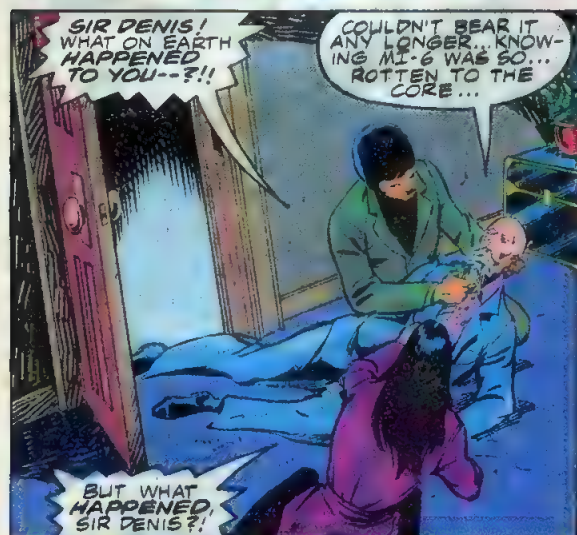
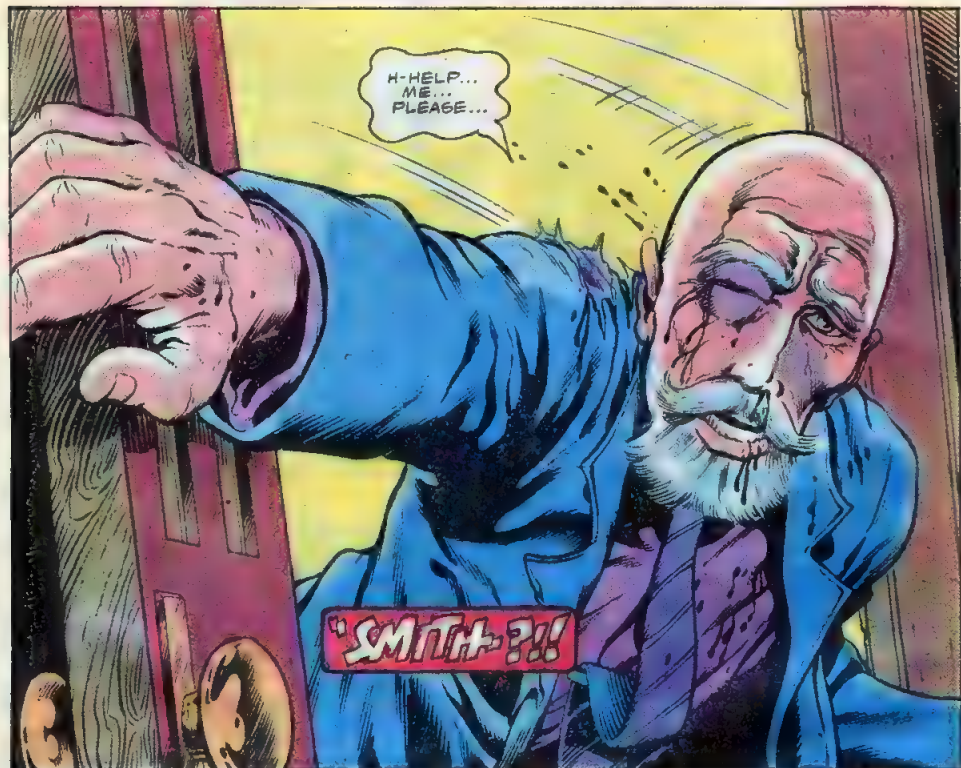


... SHANG, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I CRIED AT A MOVIE. THE LITTLE BOY JUST ...BROKE ME APART.

"HAVE I UNDER-
ESTIMATED THE
IMPORTANCE
OF ROUTINES?
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LACKING, INDEED,
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MAN COULD ASK
FOR ANYTHING
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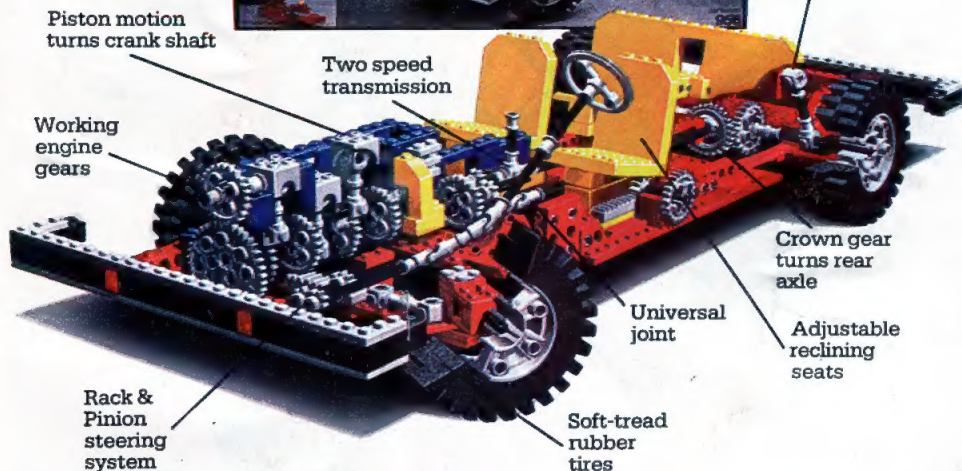
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